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Report on the meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held in Vienna from 11 to 13 November 2013

Note by the Secretariat

1. Pursuant to resolution 5/3 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, an open-ended intergovernmental interim working group on the smuggling of migrants was established to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the Convention. The first meeting of the Working Group was held from 30 May to 1 June 2012.

2. In its resolution 6/1 on ensuring effective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and its Protocols, the Conference welcomed the substantive debate and activities carried out by the Working Group and underlined its contribution to the full implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol.

3. In its resolution 6/3 on the implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, the Conference decided that the Working Group should continue to perform the functions set forth in resolution 5/3. The Conference also decided that the Working Group should hold at least one intersessional meeting prior to the seventh session of the Conference and noted in that regard the recommendation of the Working Group that the next meeting should focus on good practices in special investigative techniques and the establishment of multiagency centres.

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4. The Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants held its second meeting from 11 to 13 November 2013. In accordance with the decision of the extended Bureau of the Conference of 12 December 2013, the report on the second meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants (CTOC/COP/WG.7/2013/5) will be made available to the Conference at its seventh session.